(vi) Boats/Motor boats have been provided for patrolling riverine areas.

(vii) Border roads/tracks are being constructed/ developed for vehicular patrolling.

(viii) The intelligence set up has been geared up for keeping close surveillance on the border.

Cooperative Dairies

2222. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has blamed the Government for the huge losses incurred by the dairy economy in the State:

(b) if so, whether the cooperative dairies throughout the country have been running in losses since 1992:

(c) if so, whether Andhra Pradesh State Dairy Development Corporation (APSDDC) has also incurred heavy losses:

(d) if so, the main reasons for heavy losses incurred by the cooperative dairies; and

(e) the concrete programme being considered by the Union Government to improve the dairy economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Only small proportion of the cooperative dairies in the country are running on losses.

(c) and (d). The Andhra Pradesh Dairy Development Cooperative Federation is incurring losses. The main reasons for the losses are carry over of losses incurred by the State Dairy Corporation from which units were transferred to the cooperative federation, inadequate margin of sale prices over procurement prices and excessive staff costs.

(e) The Government of India has formulated a scheme for rehabilitation of dairy cooperatives.

[Translation]

Bomb Blast

2223. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some persons involved in the recent bomb explosions at Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi, have been arrested:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the arrested persons have confessed about the involvement of Pakistan in the bomb explosion;

(d) if so, whether the Government have lodged protest with the Government of Pakistan in this regard; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government of Pakistan thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). Eight persons have been arrested by the Delhi Police in this connection. These are (i) Farookh Ahmed Khan, (ii) Smt. Farida @ Behnji, (iii) Mirza Iftiqar Hussain @ Saba, (iv) Mohd. Naushad, (v) Mohd. Ali Bhatt @ Killey, (vi) Mirza Nissar Hussain, (vii) Latif Ahmed Waza and (viii) Sayed Maqbool Shah.

(c) The interrogation of the arrested persons reveals that the man behind the sinister plan to cause bomb blasts in various town in the country is based in Pakistan. He was provided RDX for explosions by Pak ISI.

(d) and (e). The Government of Pakistan is aware of the views of the Government of India regarding Pakistan's continued involvement in terrorist activities. The Government of India has on several occasions urged Pakistan to stop forthwith its support to terroristactivities. Pakistan has denied the allegation of its involvement in the Lajpat Nagar Bomb blast case.

[English]

Supply of Milk

2224. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of deman and supply of milk at present in Delhi:

(b) whether Delhi is having sufficient supply of milk to meet the demand:

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Demand for liquid milk in Delhi is estimated at about 25 lakh litres per day, out of which the Mother Dairy and the DMS together supply approximately 11.50 lakh litres. The rest of the demand is met by organised private dairies and the unorganised sector.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagaland

2225. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Nationalist Socialist Council of

Nagaland (NSCN) has intensified its subversive activities on Assam border;

(b) whether its cadres are receiving training in bordering countries; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to check such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) According to information available, the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) has increasingly been indulging in violent activities including bordering districts of Assam with Nagaland.

(b) The cadres of the NSCN have been getting training in some neighbouring countries.

(c) The insurgency situation in the North-East region is under constant watch and close review. The NSCN stands declared as an 'unlawful organisation' under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Besides induction of additional units of the Central Para Military Forces and the Army, the most seriously affected areas have been notified as "Disturbed Areas". Intelligence machinery has been strengthened. Assistance has been provided for the modernisation of the State Police machinery in the region. Some diplomatic initiatives have also been taken. The Government is determined to take all necessary measures to counter terrorism.

Global Environment Fund

2226. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a regional office of Global Environment Fund (GEF) in India for monitoring CEF aided programmes in the South Asian Regions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Sick Fertilizer Units

2227. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to rejuvenate the sick fertilizer units; and

(b) the number of such fertilizer units proposed to be revived alongwith the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b). The Government had approved, in principle, the revival packages for two sick fertilizer producing public undertakings, namely Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) and Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) in April, 1995, which envisage limited revamp of the Barauni, Durgapur and Namrup Units of HFC and the Sindri, Ramagundam and Talcher Units of FCI entailing a fresh investment of Rs. 2201.13 crore (Rs. 464.93 crore for HFC and Rs. 1736.20 crore for FCI), apart from the capital restructuring and financial reliefs to these undertakings. The funding arrangements for these packages could not be tied-up. An expert group has been constituted to reformulate the revival package from the standpoint of funding by the Financial Institutions.

[English]

Chamundi Safari

2228. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought any financial assistance from the Union Government for establishment of Chamundi Safari on the Chamundi Hills near Mysore;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). No proposal has been received from the Government of Karnataka for the establishment of Chamundi Safari on the Chamundi Hills. However, the priority of the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) is to improve the management and health care of animals in existing zoos. Due to resource costraints the CZA does not support projects for new safari parks at present.

(c) Does not arise.

Doubling of Kayamkulam-Quilon Broad Gauge line

2229. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the doubling of Kayamkulam-Quilon broad gauge line has been completed; and

(b) if so, the total amount of money allocated for this purpose indicating the money spent out so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 56.48 crores.